



CHERRY GROVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING NOTES
July 17, 2022
General Membership Meeting

Recorded by Angela Smith
Secretary

Meeting called to order by Amy Schreiber at 10:00 am and introduced the board

Present: John Adams, Kay Davis, Julien Dorcelien, Eddie Fraser, Sue King, Amy Beth Rosen, Gary Sacks, Amy Schreiber

Absent: David Medina, Denise Samide, Angela Smith, Ken Wong

Review of minutes of meeting of May 15 2022	Motion to approve from Carl Luss - Minutes accepted as written.
Budget/ Treasurer's Report	Sue King gave the Treasurer's report (attached) - 85K in revenue, \$35K in expenses and a net operating revenue of approximately \$50K
Membership Update	Eddie Fraser reported that as of July 17th, the number of CGCAI members are 367
Community House Update	Eddie Fraser reported the following work was completed in the community house by Charlie Balmer: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● New fire alarm heads installed / upgraded● Fire extinguishers checked and updated as needed● New exit bars on the entry doors and removed slide bolts● Emergency lights check and fixed● Sprinkler system check● Electrical outlets installed to get rid of extension cords on stage area● Outlets and cover plates installed as needed● Spare sprinkler box added and mounted as requested by fire marshall Items in progress:



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stabilizing flag pole on roof deck area ● New fiberglass door for electric panel room ● New generator for winter protection
Rocky Horror Show	Eddie reminded membership that Rocky Horror event will be on July 23rd at the Ice Palace and tickets are available on CGCAI.org
Doctors House Update	<p>Eddie Fraser gave an update on the Monkey Pox vaccinations which have been given out in the Pines and CG since Thursday. Eddie is meeting with the Governor's office today (Sunday, July 17th) to get an additional 500 does which they would like to get to all business employees first. Once all employees are complete, the general population will be able to get vaccinated.</p> <p>Covid is ramping up again and there are cases in the CG community.</p>
Committee Updates	<p>Each Committee chair provided an update on their committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Climate Change – Kay Davis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May 20th presentation on Climate Change was well attended. ○ In the next couple of weeks the committee will be featured in Sierra Magazine for which Ken Wong has been interviewed regarding CG’s work on climate change. ○ Saturday August 6th there will be a presentation by the Billion Oyster Project in the community house. ○ Other presentations to be scheduled are Mitch Volk giving a talk about hurricanes; a walking tour of the Grove in September, looking at the water table, bay erosion, and plants and trees that thrive here, which will be led by National Park Service ranger Kelsea Sucena; and a possible talk by another park ranger about the specific marine life in our ocean right here — what’s happening with the huge schools of bunker fish, the whales, dolphins, what’s really going on with those sharks, this would be in either in August or September.



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<p>Property Owner's Association Report</p>	<p>Tim Arnold reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There have been reports of Stang Carting not being very responsive, email them and they will respond ● Beach attendant has been doing a good job ● Getting flyers out to community - QR codes
<p>Committee Updates</p>	<p>Each Committee chair provided an update on their committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Beautification – Todd Erikson: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stickers for your garbage coral, also has a QR code so you can scan it to see the schedule and any additional information ○ Don't want to use too much signage (e.g., Ocean Beach - the land of 'no'), will be using graphics and icons ○ Next phase of beautification is to focus on the 'walk to the ocean' and right of way to enhance and make more pleasing ○ Rob Lassague from the Ice Palace reported that the Ice Palace has been sold and introduced Jeffrey Bloom of Bowline Hospitality Group who introduced himself - not a lot will change this season. ● Quality of Life – Amy introduced David Korman to give an update on lighting and light pollution (see attached flyer): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Quality of Life Committee is aligned with the goals of the dark-sky movement. One way to protect the night sky is by using dark-sky friendly exterior lighting. There are five principles of dark-sky friendly lighting: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Useful: Light only what you need. Consider its impact on wildlife and the surrounding area. 2. Targeted: Use shielding and careful aiming to focus the light downward so it does not spill beyond where it's needed. 3. Low Light Levels: Light should be no brighter than necessary. 4. Controlled: Light should be used only when it is needed.



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	<p>5. Warm color: Use warmer color light (warm white & yellow) because colder light (cold white & blue) disrupts animals' (and our) biological clocks. Monarch butterflies, songbirds and fireflies are particularly affected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If you'd like more information, there's a handout illustrating fixtures that are dark-sky friendly vs. those that are not. On the flip side are the five principles of dark-sky friendly lighting. ● Post Office – Gary Sacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gary introduced the people that work and volunteer at the Post Office and gave an update on the post office ● Communications – Amy Beth Rosen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Emails sent to CGCAI along with an anonymous email and we will get back to you ○ Email community updates and information being sent out
<p>Other Community Associations updates</p>	<p>APCG: Thom Hansen (Panzi), the Film Festival was pretty spectacular, and introduced Troy Files who said they were almost at \$50K and there are more films being shown today.</p> <p>Panzi thanked Rose Levine and Seth Sykes and noted some of the shows and events coming up including Suzanne Westenhoefer; Legends; Gay Night of Neil Simon; Year End Gala (theme is Nautical).</p> <p>Panzi announced the APCG Nominating Committee: Brian Clark, Mary DiFede, Koitz, Doreen Rallo, and Roland Michely.</p> <p>APCG needs more people to sign up for membership. To join APCG visit https://www.artsprojectcg.org/join-us/</p> <p>DEI: Kay Davis thanked everyone for a great Juneteenth weekend. The first DEI Movie Night is scheduled for August 6th at 7:30PM in the community house.</p> <p>Visit CGDEI.org to get information on all events.</p> <p>Dune Fund: Bobbie Green thanked everyone who participated in the Artists Tour - those that displayed and sold their art and those that attended and purchased art. The Dune Fund received donations from the sales and also received donations from the House Blessings.</p>



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The issue now is that installation of new snow fencing is normally scheduled for July 4th weekend - this year our snow fencing was taken by another company and our snow fencing is on backorder.

Thank you to Todd and Parker for highlighting the dunes and their importance in 'Our Dunes' film shown at the Film Festival.

Memorial Fund: Richard Schack reported that the endowment fund currently has \$382K and they have \$12K to distribute amongst Cherry Grove organizations. CG Memorial Foundation is also on Facebook now and Memorial Fund would like to thank everyone.

BaBEC: Tomik Dash thanked CGCAI for streaming the meeting. Thanked the community and DEI for a great Juneteenth weekend, and thanked the Ice Palace. BaBEC raised nearly \$40K and donated \$5K to the Black Trans fund and \$5K to Black Trans Media.

Launched the transportation equity initiative, Bay Bus has donated 50 tickets and Sayville Ferry also donated tickets.

Tomik reported on recent media highlights including a write-up in the NY Times.

Tomik thanked the community members that took it upon themselves to repair the Progress Pride flag. They will be launching a fund raiser to get a replacement.

Thank you for voting in the Rainbow flag\Progress Pride flag survey, and for CGCAI for boosting that survey.

BaBEC is now a membership organization at \$50 and you can sponsor a membership. Perks include quarterly meetings, opportunity to voice opinions etc.

Garden Club: Peter Chace gave the CH Garden club and money raised goes to maintaining the community areas such as CH garden. Upcoming events include the bake sale on Sunday, September 4th and a presentation in September to be announced.

Vector and Tick Control Report: Joan Van Ness reported that people had questions regarding what Brookhaven has been putting down and that it is not a spray and is for placement in standing water. Mosquitos have been tolerable this season but they are getting worse. When you leave the island, remove all water containers such as the dog's water bowl. Can also use dunks in standing and running water which you can drop into water on your own property. All of these things are biological and not chemical.



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	<p>Thermacell used for ticks and please donate on the CGCAI website for this program. Thermacell is only the same product that is used to protect your own pets from ticks.</p>
<p>Fire Department and EMS Update</p>	<p>Laura Ann Guisto, Fire Department Chief provided the following update and reminders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bushes and trees hanging over onto walks have been trimmed. ● Six new probies in the department ● Please do NOT block the hose houses. ● EMS is available until October ● Do not go to Doctors House with an emergency, call 911 - Sign up for Smart 911 ● Walk names are on the stairs from the beach
<p>Nominating Committee</p>	<p>Walter Kowalsky, representing the nominating committee of Walter Kowalsky, Todd Erikson, and Fidel Patino announced their mission for the process and then their nominations.</p> <p>There are five (5) Director positions up for election or reelection this year.</p> <p>The Nominating Committee interviewed each candidate and announced their proposed slate of candidates. The first are current Directors who wish to remain and serve another term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Julian Dorcelian Eberhardt ● Amy Beth Rosen ● Gary Sacks ● Denise Samide ● Ken Wong <p>In addition, David Medina has concluded three terms of service - the Nominating Committee spoke with 5 people who expressed an interest in serving and selected Daniel Nardicio.</p>



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	Daniel Nardicio expressed that he is humbled and honored to serve on CGCAI. Daniel presented the Dune Fund with a check for \$3K.
Election Process	<p>Following the Nominating Committees announcement, should anyone not nominated wish to run, additional nominations must be submitted in writing, with signatures of ten (10) current CGCAI members, and handed or sent to the Secretary of CGCAI (Angela Smith) - these must be received by end of day on August 1st, 2022</p> <p>Angela Smith - CGCAI Secretary PO BOX 425 Sayville, NY 11782.</p> <p>The election will take place at the September General Membership meeting and in order to vote, you must be a CGCAI member for 30 days prior to the election.</p> <p>If positions are NOT contested/no additional people running for positions, then a simple hand raise for a two thirds majority will suffice.</p> <p>If positions are contested or multiple people running for positions, then we will consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Candidates forum or a brief introduction by each candidate. ● Hiring third party vote counters
Other Business/Questions	Amy reported that Freddie Machado has funded the entire generator.
Next Meeting	<p>Meeting adjourned at 11:40AM - motion to adjourn from Bobbie Green and seconded by Carl Luss.</p> <p>Next Meeting: September 18, 2022 at 10:00AM in the Community House</p>



Statement of Activity

January 1 - July 17, 2022

	Total
REVENUE	
Rocky Horror Ticket Sales	4,735.00
General Donations	16,370.00
Honors Ads	1,800.00
Investment income	24.44
Membership Dues	33,031.00
Pet Station Program Donations	1,180.00
Rodent Program Donations	3,230.00
Rental Income	20,000.00
Thermacell Program Donations	4,400.00
Total Revenue	\$84,770.44
GROSS PROFIT	\$84,770.44
EXPENDITURES	
Bank fees & service charges	1,681.95
Community House Expenses	8,366.35
Contract & professional fees	1,977.50
Rocky Horror Event Expenses	2,870.71
Other Event Expenses	1,444.89
Insurance	6,305.07
Office expenses	3,624.11
Other repairs & maintenance	125.00
Pet Station Expenses	467.53
Thermacell Expenses	4,500.00
Rodent Program Expenses	3,325.00
Total Expenditures	\$34,688.11
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$50,082.33
NET REVENUE	\$50,082.33